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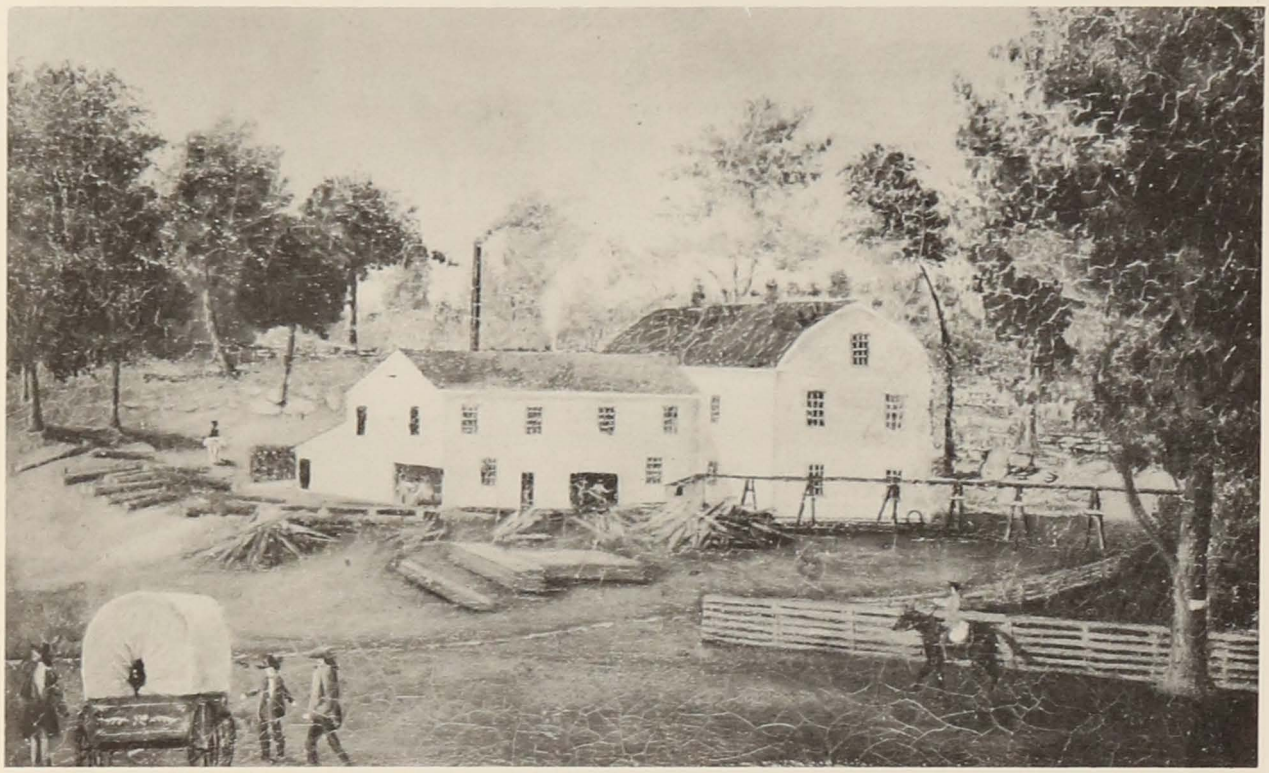

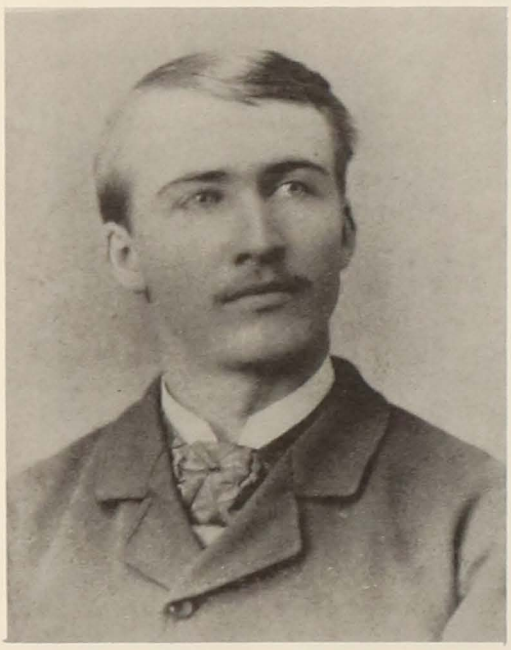

This picture of the Moore-Buchanan Mill at Cane Hill was painted about 1881 by Henry Moore, 19-year-old son of the pioneer miller, William S. Moore. This fine old primitive painting now hangs in the living room of Henry Moore's daughter, Mrs. George L. Caldwell at Avoca, Ark. Henry Moore, whose portrait is at the left was a graduate of Cane Hill College and the Arkansas Medical College and practiced medicine at Cane Hill until his removal to Texas in 1886.

Read the history of the old mill on the following pages.

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THE OLD MILL AT CANE HILL

by W.J.Lemke

Grist mills and saw-mills form an interesting chapter in the early history of Washington County. Next to churches and schools they played an important part in the development of civilization on the frontier. Very little has been written about the early mills, although such names as Blackburn, Stelle, Woodruff, Rhea, Freyschlag, Hewitt, Pegram, VanWinkle, Pyeatt and other early millers are familiar.

Many of our readers remember the mills at Cane Hill, Johnson, War Eagle, Farmington, Savoy, Evansville, Dutch Mills and elsewhere, but not much specific information about the mills and the millers is available. For example, Civil War maps show "Kidd's Mill" and "Pierson's Mill Pond" between Cane Hill and Clyde, but we have been unable to learn anything about these two early mills.

Legend credits Mark Bean with the construction of an early mill at Bean's Spring between Cane Hill and Lincoln. This is strictly legend. Bean had been operating salt works in the Indian Territory at an early date (probably before 1826). When the Cherokee Treaty of 1828 compelled him to give up the salt business -- for which the Federal government reimbursed him handsomely -- he moved to Cane Hill -- actually three miles north of present-day Cane Hill.

Best-known and best authenticated Cane Hill mill was the mill built about a mile north of the village by John Rankin Pyeatt and known before the War as the Pyeatt mill. In 1861 William S. Moore married John Rankin Pyeatt's daughter and the mill became the Moore-Pyeatt Mill. The mill undoubtedly suffered damage during the War, as did mills at Evansville, Dutch Mills, and elsewhere. But usually the mills were spared, since they were used by both armies as well as by civilian residents of the area.

After the War, William S. Moore replaced the machinery in his mill. It is the story of his trip to Cincinnati,Ohio, to buy mill machinery, based on his diary, that makes this newly discovered material of considerable historical importance. The diary is in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs.George L.Caldwell, a member of our Society.

After John Rankin Pyeatt died in 1895, the mill was still known as the Moore-Pyeatt Mill until Walter Buchanan, W.S. Moore's son-in-law, went into partnership with him early in the 1900s. Then it became the Moore-Buchanan Mill and was moved to a location about one mile south of Cane Hill, where the old water wheel is still standing (1961). The mill discontinued operation about 30 years ago. It has since been dismantled and only the big mill wheel remains.

The old mill at Cane Hill was much photographed. Two old photographs are reproduced on the accompanying picture page. The picture on the cover of this issue is from an oil painting that hangs in the home of Mrs. George L. Caldwell at Avoca, Ark. The painter of this "primitive" was Henry Moore, father of Mrs. Caldwell and son of the pioneer miller, William S. Moore. The painting, in bright colors and with great attention to detail, has captured the spirit of pioneer days. A request to Mrs. Caldwell for information about the painting brought this reply:

"I can't find date of building the mill in the painting, but from some notes that W. S. Moore made in a diary, it was remmdeled in 1868. At various times the mill made flour and cornmeal, sawed logs, carded wool, and made caskets. The last two I never saw, but the flour-corn-meal-lumber doings I remember quite well, because I was being forever warned to stay away.

"The mill in the painting was one mile north of CaneHill on the west side of the road at the foot of the bluff. (The old Moore home can still be seen on the bluff -- built by W. S. Moore's father-in-law and willed to W. S. Moore. The Moore house was the first frame house built in Cane Hill - so they say.)

"Water for the mill (steam mill)was pumped by ram from nearby spring through a trough on a trestle,which can be seen in the painting. (As a child, I thought this ram was a sheep and couldn't understand how a sheep in a ram-well could force water to the mill. I wasn't allowed to go near the place, lest I fall in.)

"The painting of the mill was made by my father, Henry Moore, when he was about 19 years old,in 1881. (My mother told me this.) He graduated from Cane Hill College in 1881, from Arkansas Medical College (Little Rock) in 1883, and attended Washington University in St.Louis in 1883-84, then practiced medicine in Cane Hill (under Doctor Welch) till he was married in 1886. He then went to Llano, Texas, and practiced medicine. He died there in 1897.

"Henry Moore painted a picture of Cane Hill College at about the same time that he painted the mill. Relatives tell me that my father would paint any and everything at the drop of a hat, but the paintings of the mill and the college are the only ones Ihave been able to find!

Additional facts about the old mill are furnished by Mrs. Clem Edmiston Pyeatt, widow of John Pyeatt, who wrote to Mrs. Nita Moore Caldwell as follows:

"I am sending you a picture of the mill taken in 1909, after it was moved to the present location south of Canehill. I am pretty sure it was town down and moved there in 1902. Rankin Pyeatt and Grandpa Henry Pyeatt ran the mill north of Canehill and it must have been started before the Civil War. Grandpa Henry married Tommy Yates and went to Sugar Loaf, near Fort Smith, and ran a saw mill there.

"It was about that time that W. S. Moore went into the Canehill mill with Rankin Pyeatt. They bought wool and Mr. Al Horsman ran the carding machine and made yarn, with which the people knitted socks. I re-

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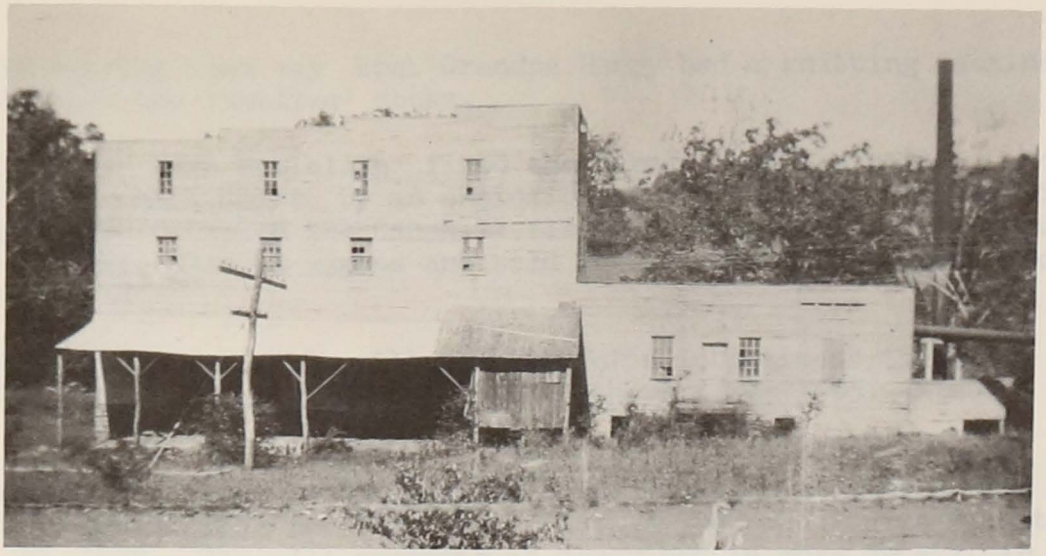
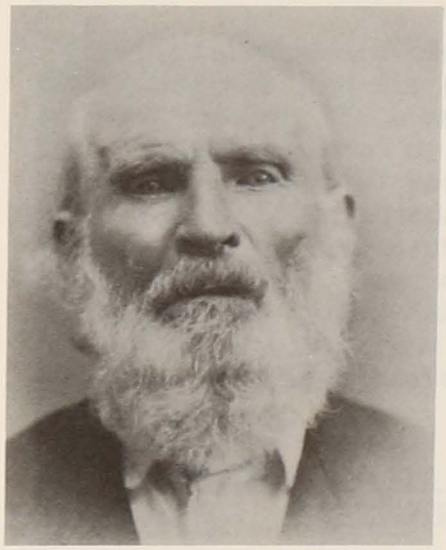


The mill from the east

Photo courtesy Lacy McColloch



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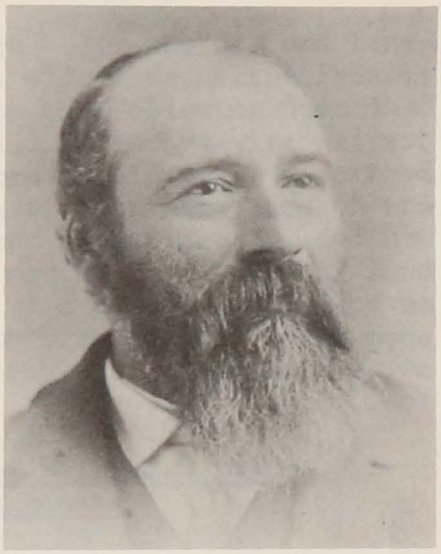
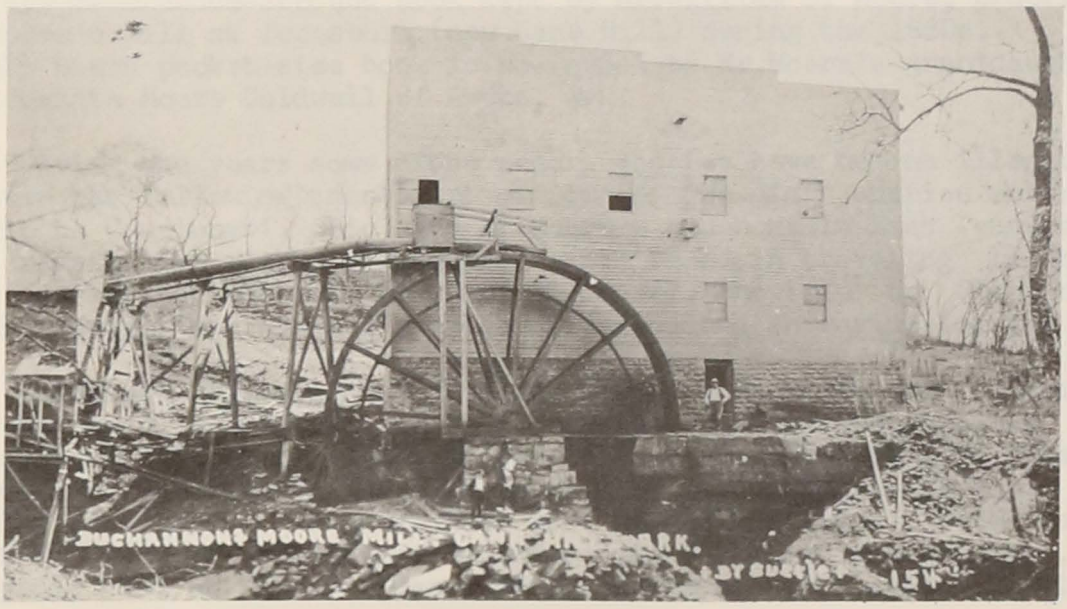


William S. Moore



The mill from the west.

Photo courtesy Clem Edmiston Pyeatt

member hearing them say that Grandpa Henry had a knitting machine and knitted all the families' socks.

"Old negro Mark McClellan fired the furnace for the boiler and was scalded to death there by an explosion of the boiler. Old Tom Diffebaugh (negro) hauled the Canehill flour to Neosho, Mo., and Okmulgee and Muskogee, Okla. in wagons and sold it to merchants and then brought the money back.

"Mr. Joe Davis was the miller there for a long time." (Editor's note: Mrs. Davis says her father did not work there after 1905. -- WJL)

The land on which the original mill was located is covered by a Preemption Certificate for 160 acres, issued to John Rankin Pyeatt on Aug. 20, 1838. The mill property is described in more detail, in this paragraph from John Rankin Pyeatt's will, dated Sept. 23, 1886 and probated Feb. 8, 1897:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Wm. S. Moore, for the use and benefit of himself and his children by his first wife, Catherine Pyeatt, all of my right, title and interest in and to the following described land, which includes my homestead and the Mill Property, viz: A part of the southwest ¼ of section four (4) and more particularly described as follows. It is bounded on the west by the section line, and on the north by the quarter section, and on the east by a tract of land now owned by Sam Cole, and on the southeast and south by a tract of land formerly owned by Dr. Samuel McColloch and by a tract conveyed by me to Henry C. Pyeatt, and contains in all about sixteen (16) acres more or less, and is situated in township 14 north, of range thirty-two (32) west."

Excerpts from the 100-Year Old Diary of William S. Moore of Boonsboro (Cane Hill), Arkansas

transcribed by Frank M. McConnell

In the August issue of FLASHBACK, page 28, reference was made to a diary-memorandum-account book kept by Mr. William S. Moore, proprietor of Moore's Mill at Boonsboro (now Cane Hill) during the 1860s. The nicely bound pocket-size book is now owned by Mr. Moore's granddaughter Mrs. Juanita Moore Caldwell of Avoca, Ark.

During the years some of the pencil entries have become illegible. However the following transcript of some of the diary entries covering a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Moore's old home in East Tennessee, will reveal some of the discomforts experienced in traveling in those days, as well as some of the costs of travel. The trip to Cincinnati and Louisville was for the purpose of purchasing an engine for the mill.

The diary reflects that Mr. Moore not only had a liberal education but that he also had plenty of common sense. Some of the spelling may not meet with Webster's approval but Mr. Moore got the job done intelligently. For example, he used "Elinois Bio" for the Illinois Bayou which flows into the Arkansas just west of Russellville; "brakefast" for breakfast; "nocking" for knocking; and "Nepolian" for Napoleon, an early-day town at the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers.

That part of the diary from Boonsboro to Van Buren can not be deciphered, but beginning at Van Buren, March 22, 1868, read on:

-M-

Sunday, 22nd: Made a start from VanBuren, but it was only a start for we are aground about a quarter mile below VanBuren, and it is near 5 o'clock.

23rd: VanBuren is in sight yet. We lay last night a mile below VanBuren. We are aground now and it is 10 o.c. I would guess.

24th: Still where we was at 10 o.c. yesterday but feel the boat rocking. Think we will get away from here today. Got off and landed about dark.

25th: Started soon and got down to Sawyer's (?) and we are aground again. Are looking for a small boat up every hour. A dream last night and it was about another boy. VanBuren 22. Dear_____ I will come on first boat ___. Do not therefore present the paper I _____ to Adams. I will _____ the day I get ___. Your Friend, JJ_____. William M. Daniels Anthony House. Scott Lawson & Co., Little Rock.

Thursday, 26th: Haven't been aground today but it is 4 o'clock. John McClellan was at Mrs. N (M?) today a little while in the morning. The river is rising a litt, 1 inch an hour.

27th: Are nocking along a little. Has been aground two or three times. Camped or anchored for the night in sight of the steamer Hamilton, whitch has sunk and they say a wreck. We passed Ozark.

28th, Saturday: Passed the sunk steamer Hamilton and Hesper also sunk, with the steamer Gleaner by her side taken off cotton. Mr. W. McBride and wife was aboard the Gleaner. She started to VanBuren but failed to get up the river. Landed at Spadra and took on some cotton. The VanBuren met us there. Seen a Mr.M---- there on his way to Washington County from Greenville, East Tennessee. Lay at H---- below the mouth of Piney.

29th: Started at sunrise. Got aground but soon got off. Lewisburg 50 miles from there to Little Rock.

30th: Got to Little Rock about 4 o'clock in the evening.

31st: Slept on the Peerless last night. Took dinner at the Commercial House. Went to Mrs.N? with J.T.McC.

April 1st: Stayed at the Anthony House last night. John left at 4 for Arkadelphia. I left the Rock at 7 o.c. this morning. Got to Devalls Bluff at 12 o.c. and got dinner aboard the steamer Liberty - for Memphis.

April 2nd: Got out of White River last night about 3 o'clock. Passed Fryer Point 15 miles below Helena. Got to Helena half after 1 and left in a short time. The steamer Rochnoner (?) passed us there.

3rd: Got to Memphis last night at 12 o c and took this morning train for Louisville. Dinner at Paris. Arrived at Russellville, Kentucky 8 p m.

4th: Brakefast at Bowling Green; arrived at Louisville at 2 P.M. and took steamer American for Cincinnati. She is a large boat 315 feet long.

April 5th: Arrived at Cincinnati this morning for brakf. Nocked around a while through town. This is a very dirty looking town and the day wore away.

6th: Have been around among the shops getting their price for work. The Ohio Machine Works offer to furnish an engine for 1950$. Lane and Co for 2250$, Greenwald 2025$. Had another offer for 2000$ and he makes a good machine but couldn't make one as soon as I wanted.

7th: Was at J & H P Straubs today but didn't traid any with him. Made a traid with I & E Greenwall today for an engine for 2025 dollars.

8th: Didn't do much today. Looked over town.

9th: Settled things up and took passage on the steamer America for Louisville at 5 P M.

10th: Left Louisville at 8½ this morning for Chattanooga. Dinner at Bowling Green, 72 miles from Nashville, 113 from Louisville. Got to Nashville about 4 P M.

11th: Got to Chattanooga this morning a little before day. Got home late in the evening.

12th: Went visiting today and saw a good many old acquaintances.

13th: Went over to see Uncle John and Tomey(?). To my Aunt Susey. Took dinner at Dave Jewell's. ----Mother, Aunt Sallie, Pollie, Dave Galbraith and Mary present.

14th: Went over to see Old Coz Sallie Holt and Aunt Jane. Sister Lucy along with me came down to sister Betties and stayed all night. Jo and Jerry came over and stayed all night.

15th: It rained until about 12 o.c. Got dinner at Bettie's and went up to Dave G's and met Papy J A Galbraith and wife. D.Jewell and wife, Laney and Lizzie Ross came over to Uncle John's.

16th: At Uncle John's last night. Lucy and Margaret came over and stayed all night. Went over and took dinner at Uncle Tomeys. Mary Farmers (?) was there and sister Lucy went home in the evening.

17th: Left Home in company with sister Margaret. Far over the ridge took dinner at Aunt Pollie's. Went down and stayed all night with Aunt Sallie.

18th: Jo was over last night. Coz Liz Ross and sister Mag and I went over to Aunt Rise's and took dinner. Came back to Aunt Pollie's.

19th: Stayed last night with Aunt Pollie. Jerry came over. Was over at Old Mt Bethel today and heard Coz Rankin preach. Was but few there that I knew. How changed. Where are they? Went to Greenville after preaching and stayed with James Galbraith over night.

20th: Went to W.B.Rankin's and to J.Wilson. Took dinner at Galbraith's and started out home. Stopped at Mosiers and Johnsons. Got home.

21st: Rained. Aunt Susie and Mary Jane came over in the evening. Went home with them.

22nd: Stayed last night at Uncle John's. Went home for brakefast. Went over to see Aunt Jane Galbraith. Took dinner with Dave Jewell. Went home and seen Aunt Sallie. John Moore came over.

23rd: Started for the West. Sue, Jo, Jerry and Margaret went over to the depot with me. Landed at Concord. Oh how hard it is to part dear dear friends that we loved.

24th: Stayed last night with Uncle Joe Galbraith. Went up to Lee's today.

25th: Stayed at Uncle Joe's last night. Went to see Coz An Hann (?). Left Concord about 3 o.c. for Memphis. Thomas Olment (?) was aboard going West and, with me, got to Chattanooga about 9 P M. Took the Memphis train. Fare $15.50.

26th: Got to Memphis at 6 P M. Stopped at the Worsham House. Found Walter Parks and stayed with him.

27th: Have been strolling around town today. Have paid for passage to Little Rock. Fare 15 Dollars on the steamer Celeste. Left Memphis 6 PM.

28th: Passed Helena about 6 this morning. Got to Napolian by 12 A M and left in about an hour for the Rock.

29th: Nothing of interest took place today. Land every little while to put off freight and take on a passenger. Got to Pine Bluff about 7 P M. Seen Mr. Patterson.

30th: All getting along well today. Got to Little Rock about 4 P M.

May 1st: This has been a very restless day with me. About ready to start on the steamer Ozark and it is 5 p m. Left in a short time.

2nd: Still steaming up the river. Got to Lewisburg this morning at sun rise. Got to Galley Rock at half past 9 A M. Traveling on a steam boat is a very slow way to get along when one is wanting to get home and see the dear ones there, particularly one that he hasn't seen. Got to Dardanelle at 1 P M and are there yet at 7:30. Think we will get away in a short time. They are firing up.

Sunday, May 3rd, 1868: This is Sunday again and I am still away from home. Oh how I would love to be there today. We got along very slow last night. Was at the mouth of Piney this morning when I got up. Passed the wreck of the Florence below Spadra and passed the sunken steamer Hesper on Logan's Bar above Spadra.

4th: Haven't anything worth writing. Will get to Van Buren some time this evening I guess. Are at Savages now. Got to Van Buren at seven.

5th: We left Van Buren last night about - - - to - - Hill - - - Pyeatt got a horse at Van Buren and - - - up to Mr. Babs(?).

(Later entries)

May 12th: Was at VanBuren. 20th: At Vanburen after ----. Left Van Buren in the evening. Camped at Foster's.

18th: Got old shed cleared away.
19th: We are laying the foundation today and got the sills in.
20th: Raised the building today.
22nd: Laid the timber for the engine in the house.
23rd: Rolled the boiler down and got it in.
24th: Got the standpipe and furnes front up today.
25th: Got the mane shaft and some other tricks up.
26th: Raised the chimney.
27th: Got the pump up and the safety valve on.
July 6th: Got the engine to running today. Grandpaw got his hand hurt.
July 31st: Got the saw started today. Think it will do very well.

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Our research in the history of the old Cane Hill mill has turned up two tributes to the pioneer miller, William S. Moore, written at the time of his death -- one by his brother Jeremiah Moore, former president of Tusculum College, Tenn., and one by his daughter Lucy. We are printing excerpts from both of these tributes.

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William Smith Moore

William Smith Moore was born Feb. 20, 1835, the oldest of eight children born to Anthony Moore and Nancy Paxton Holt Moore, all of whom lived to maturity except the third child, Elizabeth, who died when 18 months old. All of the children were born and reared in a log house one mile from Tusculum College and 4½ miles east of Greeneville. His father owned and tilled a small farm, a part of the original grant of Great-Grandfather Anthony Moore. The Moores were of Scotch-Irish descent. William's maternal grandmother was Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of an Irish weaver, therefore the name William Smith. His great-grandfather, Anthony Moore, was born in 1732, died in 1822. His Grandfather David Moore was born May 14, 1769 and died Nov. 19, 1846. His father, Anthony Moore, was born June 26, 1803 and died July 20, 1885.

Great-grandfather Anthony Moore Sr. lived in Pennsylvania in the forks of the Delaware. He belonged to Mt. Bethel Presbyterian church and was an original Elder in Mt. Bethel Church in Greene County, Tennessee, located one mile from Greeneville. Tradition says the first preaching in Greene County was in the house of Great-grandfather. The kitchen part of the house is still standing on the old Moore place by the big spring. Great-grandfather moved to Tennessee near the close of the Revolutionary War, when his only son, David, was about nine years old. The large connection of our kinfolks are the off-spring and worthey descendants of the six sisters and the one brother David. Great grandfather's descendants are noted for the large number of Presbyterian ministers and elders. Thus far as to William's ancestors.

William Moore united with the Mt. Bethel church May 25, 1851, during the ministry of Rev. Samuel Wyley. (At the same time Alfred Wilson and James H. Robinson united.) He was dismissed by letter Nov. 4, 1860; John R. Moore was dismissed Sept. 19, 1858. Evidently, William, John R.'s family and some others moved to Arkansas in the fall of 1858.

William wrote a good hand and was fairly well informed on general matters essential to successful life, but his school days were rather brief. When a boy he attended at a log house on the old Moore place. One winter while staying with Aunt Polly Moore he probably went a few weeks to the old Rice School House, under Samuel Lyrtle who married Sarah Wilson. He also went some to his uncle, Dr. John Moore, as his brothers, Charles, Joe and Jeremiah did. For a number of years at different times Dr.Moore had a few boys recite to him in his own house. Dr. Moore was a great teacher. How long William went to him I do not know, perhaps not a great while.

William went early in life to learn his trade of wagon-maker in the home of John R. Moore in Greeneville. He often visited home, was careful to write home and always good to help his father in any special stress of work. It was his rule to spend from a week to ten days at home in harvest, before he went west. He was truly a loyal son and a big brother to all the family. He was social in his nature, generous almost to a fault, and a lover of his kith and kin.

(The foregoing is signed by Jeremiah Moore, who was president of Tusculum College at Tusculum, Tenn.)

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Soon after coming toArkansas, William Moore engaged in the wagon-making and blacksmith business with John R. Pyeatt of Cane Hill. A few years later he married Mr. Pyeatt's daughter, Katherine. She was an earnest Christian and had as good an education as a girl could get there at that time. She was good help and often teaching with a baby on her lap. There were six children: Henry, Charles, Lonnie, Bettie, Lucy and Melvin. Four lived to be grown.

After four years service with the South in the Civil War, he and Mr. Pyeatt and his son Henry Pyeatt engaged in the flour mill and saw mill business. Their earliest machinery was bought at Cincinnati, Ohio and brought by boat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and up the Arkansas as far as boats could go, thence over the mountains by wagons. Henry Pyeatt later retired from the partnership and became a merchant.

With his farm and mill, William Moore led a busy life. In those busy years he was always learning something worth while. He bought books, good ones, and read as often as he could, in some measure gratifying that thirst for knowledge which characterized his early life. As a boy plowing in the field, he wanted to write and "cipher" so badly that he would mark on his shoes trying to learn. He tooka number of newspapers, always some church papers, also milling and farming papers. He bought books to help in the Christian life and to aid in his Sunday School work. As Superintendent or teacher for more than 50 years, he was always trying to improve his work. In the church he served as deacon and as elder for 40 years or more.

While the children were small, Mother died. Later he married cousin Josephine Moore. She was a strong helpful woman and carefully reared the children, though a great task it must have been. She died after they were all grown. Later he married another good woman, Mother's cousin, Annie Crawford. A fortunate man was he in having three such helpmeets.

He was at 70 young in spirit, strong in body, and cheerful in heart. He was seldom sick. Though working hard, he did not abuse his health, and at 80 could drive his binder to cut his wheat crop.

Family prayers were always held in the home. Rare indeed was the occasion when this was omitted. It was not a pretentious home, but was a home that we loved because father was there, which meant love dwelt there. His last illness was about ten days. He underwent an operation from which he did not recover. He "passed over" as the church bells were ringing on Sunday morning, June 3, 1917. Always we shall thank God for such a father.

Written by his daughter Lucy

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To complete the story of the Pyeatt-Moore mill at Cane Hill, here is a biographical sketch from Goodspeed's "History of the Northwest Arkansas Counties", page 1005:

The Pyeatts were among the pioneer settlers of Arkansas, and were first represented in this state by James and Kate (Finley) Pyeatt, natives of North Carolina, who, in 1812, removed from Kentucky to about 13 miles above Little Rock. Here they spent the remainder of their days.

J. R. (John Rankin) Pyeatt was born in Kentucky in 1805 and came to Arkansas with his parents and was here reared to manhood. In August 1827 he came to Washington County. He opened a wagon and blacksmith shop shortly after his arrival here and followed that occupation for a number of years. He and his brother purchased some raw land in 1838, which they improved, but in 1861 Mr.Pyeatt engaged in the milling business, in partnership with his son-in-law, William S. Moore.

William S. Moore spent his youthful days on a farm in Tennessee and made his home with his father until 21 years of age. He then learned the wagon-maker's trade, and in the fall of 1858 came to Arkansas, locating in Cane Hill. He worked at his trade until the summer of 1862 when he joined the 34th Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Prairie Grove and was paroled in the summer of 1865.

He then returned home and formed a partnership with Mr.Pyeatt in the milling business and erected the Cane Hill Mills, which was in running order by the spring of 1866. The mill has been remodeled and improved since it was erected and is now one of the finest mills in Washington County. It has a combined roller and buhr process and has a capacity of about 40 barrels per day. They also manufacture some lumber, and in 1869 added a carding machine, which has proved very profitable.

In 1861 Mr. Moore married Miss Kate Pyeatt, daughter of his partner, J.R.Pyeatt, and their union was blessed in the birth of four children: Henry (who is a physician in this county), Charles R.,Bettie and Lucy. Mrs. Moore died in 1877 and he afterward married Miss Josephine Moore, daughter of James Moore. She was born in East Tennessee and reared in Texas and Missouri. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr.Moore has a good farm which he manages in connection with his mill, and a fine orchard of 45 acres.

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For the historical record, here is a list of Births-Marriages-Deaths that covers several pages in William S. Moore's pocket note-book. Most of the entries are in Moore's own handwriting, but the entries of the 1870s are in a different handwriting

BIRTHS

Anthony Moore was born 26th June, 1803
Nancy P. Holt was born March 26th, 1807

Charles Moore was born May 26th, 1836
Elizabeth Moore was born December 27th, 1837
Lucy J. Moore was born May 12th, 1839
Betsy Ellen Moore was born 14 August, 1841
Joseph H. Moore was born 15 April, 1843
Jerry Moore was born 25 November, 1845
Margaret Moore was born 6 February, 1848

MARRIAGES

Anthony Moore and Nancy P. Holt was married 29th April, 1834
John R. Pyeatt and Elizabeth Buchanan married March 17th, 1831

William S. Moore and Catharine J. Pyeatt married March 21st, 1861
W. S. Moore and Josie Moore was married April 10th, 1878

BIRTHS

John R. Pyeatt was born in November 1805
Elizabeth Buchanan was born January 10th, 1809

Andrew B. F. Pyeatt was born January 6th, 1833
Catharine J. Pyeatt was born September 18th, 1839
Henry C. Pyeatt was born November 18th, 1841
Mary A. Pyeatt was born September 5th, 1847

William S. Moore was born February 20th, 1835

William Henry Moore was born November 6th, 1862
Charles R. Moore was born February 26th, 1866
Anthony Leonidas Moore was born March 23rd, 1868
Bettie Moore was born 2nd January, 1870
Mary Lucy Moore was born 3d of April, 1872
Melvin Moore was born 16th August, 1874

DEATHS

Andrew B. F. Pyeatt departed this life January 9th, 1851
Elizabeth Pyeatt departed this life November 8th, 1868
Anthony L. Moore died the 27th of October, 1872
Kate J. Moore died February 3rd (Saturday), 1877
Eddie Moore died March 8, 1879

FAMILY REUNION AND BIRTHDAY PARTY
for SAMUEL KING REED and LIZZIE HOLT REED

by Clara B. Kendrick, their granddaughter

Numbers on the picture are keyed to Mrs. Kendrick's article on the following pages. Below are pictures that she took in 1957 of Samuel King Reed's house and barn, built before the Civil War. The house and barn are still standing in 1961, on Fly Creek, a few miles south of Clyde, Arkansas.

OLD-TIME BIRTHDAY PARTY AND FAMILY REUNION
Samuel King Reed and Lizzie (Holt) Reed,
Washington County Pioneers

by their granddaughter, Clara E. Kendrick

(Editor's note: This is one of the most interesting and unusual pieces of family history that we have ever published. Certainly the photograph is of interest -- the birthday celebration of Samuel King Reed and Lizzie (Holt) Reed -- taken Feb. 3, 1908 in front of the Reed home south of Clyde, Ark. We do not know the photographer's name but this picture is a tribute to his skill. Every one ofthe 67 individuals is recognizable. Not one moved. All are sharp, covering a depth of focus of about 15 feet. The 5x8 print itself is on albumen (sunlight) paper and has not faded in half a century.

(But most unusual is the fact that Mrs. Kendrick is able to identify all 67 persons on the picture, many of whom she has not seen in years. She is related to all of them, either by blood or marriage.

(Mrs. Kendrick is a native of Washington County but now lives in Nowata, Okla. She has been a member of our Society for several years. We first contacted her in an effort to learn something of the Simpson family (one of the so-called "first six families" in Our County), from which she is descended. We did not know of her Reed and Latta connections. We thank her for the use of the picture and for writing what she remembers of her 67 kin who were present at her grandparents' birthday celebration a half century ago. -- WJL)

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(The paragraph numbers correspond with the numbers on the picture.)

No. 1
SAMUEL KING REED

He was my own Grandfather, honest and upright in every respect with his family and friends in the community in which he lived his entire life -- 75 years. His family reached up and down Fly Creek, east and west, north to Fayetteville and south to the top of Skylight and Hale Mountain. He helped to feed and clothe many folks besides his own immediate family. He taught all of us children not to be satisfied doing our work as good as the other fellow but to always try to do it just a little better. And that was his teaching and his every-day practice until his last day among the living.

No. 2
LIZZIE (HOLT) REED

She was my Grandmother and one of the best Mothers any children ever had. She was a Mother to all her Grandchildren. I myself was the oldest granddaughter of their family. Grandmother loved and obeyed her husband. She taught us youngsters to honor and obey our elders above everything else. She taught us right from wrong and she insisted that the youngsters be allowed to assume responsibility and not have their youthful affairs constantly interfered with. But correct a child with firmness and see that they obey their elders' commands. My Grandparents molded my life when I was very young and I have tried to follow their teaching for almost 78 years.

No. 3
EVALINE (HOLT) KING

This was my Great-Grandmother. Down by the ever-running mountain spring on Fly Creek, she had a hole of water where she used to duck her children when they disobeyed her commands. Cold or hot, she went to this spring every morning for her refreshing wash, before she ate breakfast, and always brought back a fresh bucket of water to make her coffee. "Never use water that has stood over night", she said, "because it has lost its savor." Grandmother King is the only person I have ever heard tell about the Falling Stars. She said: "I saw it rain stars from above on November 13, 1833, from about 4 in the morning until daylight. Some folks were frightened, thinking the world was coming to an end." Grandmother King said her mother was sick and had called her out of her sleep. When she saw the stars coming down, she called other members of her family, to see the ground covered with stars. "You could not pick them up," she said; "They were just like air bubbles, bright in color, spots which lasted until daybreak." When a child I thought she was just telling us fairytales. Later in life I found an account of the falling of the stars in a history book, date and time just like Grandmother had told us.

No. 4
LAURA (REED) McCALEB

This was my own Mother's only own sister -- my Aunt Laura. She was the wife of Robertson McCaleb and the mother of seven children. She lived to have her picture taken with five generations of her family, which is very unusual. I took her last picture on October 5, 1959 when she was 99 years old. She never complained of her tasks. She was an obedient wife and a working mother.

No. 5
DOSHIA (FREEMAN) REED

She was my one-time mother-in-law. She had married my uncle Joe Reed who was just older than my Grandfather. Aunt Doshia, as she was known, was among the best in our community in caring for the sick and those afflicted in body or mind.

No. 6
JOSEPH GREEN REED

"Uncle Joe", as we all called him, was my Great-Uncle by blood. He was a model father, neighbor and adviser, and stood for everything that was for the betterment of his home, family, church, school -- any and every thing that was for the betterment of our community.

No. 7
ESSIE REED

She was my cousin, a beautiful girl. She was married and departed this life at a very youthful age. She was loved by all who knew her.

No. 8
SARAH (KING) LEACH

She was a sister to my Grandmother (King) Reed. Aunt Sarah reared a large family, all of whom were law-abiding in whatever community they happened to reside.

No. 9
MARY (LEACH) REED

She married my uncle Walter Reed who died of a ruptured appendix when their first-born was only three days old. Mary was refused the privilege of seeing the body of her dead husband -- which I have always felt was an unjust act on somebody's part.

No.10
DONIE (EDMISTON) REED

This was my Aunt by marriage. She was 15 years old when she eloped with my Uncle Will "Button" Reed, as we called him. He was 19 years of age. They were married in what was then the Indian Territory. "Didn't have to get any license, just find a sober Justice of the Peace, who wrote out a certificate of marriage, pronounced them husband and wife, and they were soon on their way to my Grandparents' home on Fly Creek.

No.11
WILL "BUTTON" REED

Uncle Button was a jolly fellow. The madder he got, the louder he would laugh, and somebody had better take out for sure. He always called me Tabby, to hear me roar. He always made fun of everything. One time he got himself a nice little gun, like all boys want to make them feel grown-up. Grandfather called him one day, asked to let him see his new gun. Uncle Button scrambled it out to sho his father, who reached for the pistol, looked it over, and said, "Son, I will keep it for you until you are grown up." He locked it in his wardrobe where he kept all his personal belongings.

No.12
JOHNNIE BROWN

Johnnie Brown's father had died and left him alone with his mother. He married one of my cousins, Eva Latta, half Reed and the other half Latta.

No.13
EVA LATTA

She was my cousin, from both sides of the house. Her mother was a Reed, her father a Latta. She was a sweet person. We all loved her.

No.14
ERSKINE COX

Uncle Erskine Cox had married my aunt Ida Reed and he was at a loss when he lost his wonderful wife, my Aunt Ida. They lived on top of Hale Mountain, on a fruit and vegetable farm.

No.15
IDA (REED) COX

She was a wonderful wife and mother. Aunt Ida was my bodyguard when other folks picked on me after my mother died.

No.16
LIZZIE COX

She was my cousin by blood. She died at a very youthful age.

No.17
GEORGE REED

He was my uncle by blood. He was a useful father and home-maker. He was always cheerful. He was a prosperous farmer, a good provider, and the head of a church-going family. He died suddenly of a heart attack.

No.19
LULA (LITTLE) REED

She was the wife of George Reed. He was my uncle and was full of his dry fun. Once he and Uncle Button made some sweet tobacco by placing sugar on the leaves, putting it under the heaviest bed-post they could find. When solidly packed together, they removed it from their press and passed it around to us three younger children, Pearl, Walter and myself. We ate it like it was candy. If ever you have seen three sick youngsters, we were just that. From that day to this I have never tried using tobacco in any form. Grandmother told us if we would get her a switch, she would give those big boys a thrashing. But instead, we three lay sprawled on the porch, unable to walk.

No.18
LEVERT REED AND WIFE, IVA HILL

He was my cousin by blood. He was a wonderful person. He worked his farm, always kept busy. He had a sudden appendicitis attack and was taken to Fayetteville for surgery. He died. His loving wife, Iva Hill, Reed, could not reconcile herself to her great loss. She finally went into missionary work and has been working in Africa for several years.

No.20
EMMA KING

Our Aunt Emma King never got married, for reasons unknown to our younger generation. She always said she had to look after Mammy, as she called Grandmother Evaline King. Folks used to say Pappy and Mammy when speaking of their parents.

No.21
LAURA (ROLLER) MILLER

She was my own cousin's daughter. She worked as a telephone operator in Lincoln for many years, also in Cane Hill. She was known for many miles around as one of the most polite and successful persons in her line of duty. Everyone knew her as Laura. On the picture she is being held in her mother's arms.

No.22
VERNIE (McCALEB) ROLLER

A better person never lived. She was one of my own cousins, daughter of my own mother's sister who lived to be in the picture of five generations without a break.

No.23
CHARLEY ROLLER

He was the husband of Vernie (No.22) and the father of Laura (No.21). He was good to help his wife with their family brood of eight children, all of whom lived to be grown and all married except one son who was overseas in action during World War II.

No.24
JIM KING

Uncle Jim was my Grandmother King's son, with whom she and Aunt Emma made their home for many years after the burning of their old home place. Uncle Jim King had two children, J.Hugh and Lucy King, who were their younger children. Roy King was their oldest son, who died during the flu epidemic during World War I.

No.25
ROBINSON McCALEB

Uncle Robinson married my mother's oldest sister. He was a wonderful person, a worker in his church and in his Masonic Lodge. He was a good husband, father and neighbor. He was loved by all who knew him and was called "Uncle Robinson" for miles around. He operated a produce business in Stillwell, Oklahoma for many years. He and Aunt Laura celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, which I attended with a great thrill, along with many others of his relatives.

No.26
TOM LATTA

He was a blood relation. Also, he married my Aunt Dolie (Reed) Latta. Uncle Tom was a very large man. He lived to a ripe old age, somewhere between 80 and 84, I think.

No.27
TOM KING

He was my cousin by blood and my uncle by marriage. He was the husband of my Aunt Pearl (Reed) King and the father of four children.

No.28
PEARL (REED) KING

She was my Aunt Pearl and only four years my senior. She was small for her age. A wonderful wife and mother. She was loved by all who knew her, both in her youth and when she became old.

No.29
OMA-TEE KING

She was an outstanding daughter. But God took her home to live in another world, at a very youthful age.

No.30
OLLIE KING

He was a beautiful child. We all loved his cunning smiles.

No.31
EARL KING

He was a loving son, of Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Pearl King.

No.32
WREN FREEMAN

Whom I married May 29, 1901, and the father of my daughter, Zelta B. Freeman, born July 13, 1906.

No.33
CLARA E. (SIMPSON) FREEMAN

Who was an unhappy married person. Youth cannot understand age.

No.34
ZELTA B. FREEMAN

She was my only daughter to live. She has been my sunshine through many dark hours in life. She now owns and operates her beauty shop in Nowata, Oklahoma, at 416 East Cherokee Street.

No.35
BEATRICE (McCALEB) HEMBREE

She was at one time one of my favorite cousins and is yet among the living. She married a model husband, Ollie Hembree. They have one son, Calvin. The family lives in Oklahoma City.

No.36
OLA REED

She was the oldest daughter of Uncle George and Aunt Lula. She married a man unknown to the writer.

No.37
WAYNE KING

He was a cousin to the great orchestra leader in Chicago. He also was a son of Aunt Pearl and Uncle Tom.

No.38
LUTHER LEACH

He was a very useful son, looking after his widowed mother, Aunt Amanda Leach.

No.39
BENNETT LEACH

A model husband and father. Also a prosperous farmer, with the best stock that money can buy.

No.40
HENRY LEACH

He married my aunt Amanda (Reed) Leach. They were a happy family with four children. They prospered in all their undertakings.

No.41
AMANDA (REED) LEACH

She was a wonderful aunt and helped care for me when I was helpless.

No.42
WINNIE (LEACH) PRICE

She is a wonderful wife and mother. Her husband is Joe Price. They make a home for everyone that stops at their door. He owns and operates a grocery market. Son and daughter, Grandson, every one is home among the Price family, at Evansville, Arkansas.

No.44
AUDREY (LEACH) ROBINSON

This cousin of mine is known for her outstanding beauty and ability, for helping those that need help in her town and surrounding community. They have two children to whom the older folks, like myself, are strangers.

No.45
LELAND LATTA

He is another double cousin. Our parents were all related, Reeds and Simpsons. Once I visited Leland and his new wife. Every day he would go out and bring in a nice tender gray squirrel. And did I have a week's feast, squirrel every day to eat. His new wife - he called her Goldie, was a wonderful cook. And she was worth her weight in gold when it came to being a good wife and mother.

No.46
FLO (COX) GALLAWAY

She was another cousin, a daughter of my aunt Ida (Reed) Cox. She stayed with Grandmother Reed over on Fly Creek and went to school up in the Fly Creek schoolhouse that Grandfather Reed had helped to build when his own children were of school age.

No.47
BOYD LATTA

This is another cousin. He runs a motel somewhere in Arkansas. Boyd Latta found his wife near Miami, Oklahoma. She is among the beauty queens of this country.

No.48
MARIE (LATTA) REED

A worthy cousin. She is a good wife and mother in every respect, following in her mother's footsteps. She is a home builder as well as a loving neighbor, helping those in distress. Just a good Arkansas person.

No.49
TED COX

He was my Aunt Ida (Reed) Cox's son and was killed when a young man working in the logging timber up in Washington State. Their parents never seemed to recover from that shock.

No.50
BUENA (McCALEB) WEST

She was among the beautiful girls in Greersburg and Stillwell, one of the most wondrous of all our cousins. Buena married Gus West and lived on a big ranch near Stillwell, where they reared their five children, three sons and two daughters. She is considered one of the outstanding women of her city and county.

No.51
PEARL LATTA

She was my Aunt Dollie's third child and was a bit spoiled when we were youngsters. She had no fear of anything when we played hide-and-seek and other childhood games. She became a good singer. Later she married Wes Freeman and was a good mother.

No.52
LYLIAN LATTA

She was one of my Aunt Dollie's younger daughters, useful and beautiful like many other cousins among this group that have grown up during my absence from my home state Arkansas and Washington County.

No.53
ELMER LATTA

I have seldom seen him in the past 50 years. I know nothing about some of these youngsters that I see only once every few years. Every one always says, "He's a chip off the old block", but I have known the old block to wither on a few sides, in years forever gone by.

No.54
DOLLIE (REED) LATTA

One of the most wonderful aunts. She lived just a quarter of a mile from my old log house home. Never did I go to Aunt Dollie's that she didn't give me something, if only a piece of corn bread soaked with butter and sugar on it. My Aunt Dollie always did nice things for me.

No.55

MAMY COX

Another outstanding cousin. She was a beautiful girl. I saw her a few times in her growing-up days. If I remember correctly, she passed away some place in Mexico, very suddenly.

No.56

WALTER REED

This was the infant son of Uncle Walter and Mary Leach Reed. He was only three days old when his father was laid to rest.

Nos.57 & 58

BILL REED AND BROTHER

Bill was a chip off the same old block, along with many other youngsters that were my cousins. I never knew Bill after 1908, as I lived in Oklahoma. No.58 was another son of Uncle Button and Aunt Donie. I have seen him only a few times during his life time.

No.59

SAM McCALEB

Sam was one of my most loved cousins. He married Ella Whelchel of Westville, Oklahoma, just a few miles north of Stilwell, where the father and mother lived - Robinson and Laura (Reed) McCaleb. Sam was a wonderful person, loved by all who knew him. He was a prosperous farmer and stockman up to the time of his death, near Vinita, Oklahoma. Sam and Ella were the parents of three sons -- Travis, LeRoy and Bruce McCaleb. Bruce lives at Avinal, Calif., where his three sons - James, Bill and Charles - also live. Travis and wife live at Vinita where Maye has her beauty shop. Travis runs the farm and dairy, with the help of LeRoy who has never married. Sam and Ella McCaleb's sons have made useful upright citizens.

No.60

DEE REED

He is the oldest son of my uncle Button Reed and Aunt Donnie (Edmiston) Reed. I have known very little about Dee, except that he is a chip off the old block, as the saying goes.

No.61

STEVE REED

Steve was born after the older children had already married and had gone from their home on Fly Creek.

No.62

DUTCH REED

Another son of Uncle Button, also my cousin. To my knowledge, Ihave never seen him after he was grown to manhood.

No.63

CHARLEY LATTA

He was my Aunt Dollie (Reed) Latta's oldest son. He helped his parents with their family of eight children, all of whom lived to make useful men and women. All married and have their own families and homes. They were all my cousins, both Reeds and Lattas.

No.64
VOL REED

This was my grandfather Sam K. Reed's 15th child and grandmother Lize's 12th child. For many years I had 13 living uncles and aunts. Vol and Steve were reared after all the other children were grown. They married and are living in their own homes near their parents' home on good old Fly Creek.

No.65
CLEM REED

This was one of Uncle Button and Aunt Donnie Reed's sons. They had five boys but no girls. I heard Aunt Donnie say that she had to make house helpers out of some of her sons, but they were not too happy doing house chores. But Uncle Will saw to it that whatever Aunt Donnie commanded was carried out to the letter. He was a small man in size but very strong.

No.66
WHITE McCALEB

This was Uncle Robinson and Aunt Laura's youngest son. He was handsome and may have broken more than one girl's heart. He was out for fun and could play more pranks on folks than Peck's bad boy ever thought of. But he was good-hearted withal.

No.67
LON McCALEB

Lon is the oldest child of my uncle Robinson and Aunt Laura (Reed) McCaleb. He is the father of three sons and two daughters. Their names and whereabouts are unknown to the writer. Lon McCaleb is a homebody--a good husband and father. He is a farmer by profession and prosperous in all his undertakings. Cousin Lon and his wife Ada are now making their home in Vinita, Oklahoma.

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If there are any mistakes in these little paragraphs of family history, they were not made intentionally. I am the oldest granddaughter of Samuel King Reed and his wife Lizzie.

Clara E. (Simpson-Freeman) Kendrick,
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OWNED THE SITE OF LINCOLN

The Sept. 11, 1908 issue of The Lincoln Times, published by George N. Barnes, Lincoln's first editor, carried this item: "The colored folks will hold a big picnic in Lincoln on the 19th of this month." This is reminiscent of the time when there was a large colony of colored people just east of Lincoln. Their little gray church, where many "shouting-happy" meetings were held, still stood there just a few years ago. Now only one couple, who live beside the highway overlooking the colored cemetery where Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bean lie buried, remain. Wesley Bean owned the original town site of Lincoln. -- Mrs. Ruth Holt Payne.

WHITE OAK CEMETERY

The White Oak cemetery is located two miles north of Wheeler post office. It adjoins the University's experimental stock farm. This large and well-kept burying ground is not old as Washington County cemeteries go. The earliest dated burials were in the 1880s, although there are some field-stone markers that could date back to the 1870s. The following partial list includes most of the older settlers of the area, especially those who were born before 1860.

Silas Genterman (1806-1888)
James Ivy (1814-1886)
Elder Norman F. Goodrich (1811-1891) and wife Malinda (1814-1892)
H. A. Huntsucker (1816-1891)
J. T. Hayes (1827-1907) and wife M.A. (1842-1929)
------ Helton (1829-1902)
John Crabtree (1833-1895) and Mrs. John Crabtree (1825-1887)
P. L. Callison (1829-1914) and wife Mary S. (1833-1912)
Emaline Ellen Nichols (1831-1917)
Samuel Lockhart (1837-1914)
W. H. Beasley (1834-1900) and wife Elizabeth (1832-1895)
James E. Curry (1836-1924)
T. J. Phillips (1838-1916) and wife Malinda (1846-1903)
J. H. Phillips (1830-1897) and wife W. N. (1856-1895)
W. J. Sullivan (1831-1910) and wife Sarah (1835-1914)
Samuel S. Huckaby (1837-1915) and Martha L. Huckaby (1854-1933)
Mrs. Frances A. Fowler (1840-1885)
Napoleon B. Elliott (1840-1915) and wife Harriett L. (1854-1934)
C. M. Thompson (1839-1924) and wife Nancy Ann (1840-1910)
P. J. Hinshaw (1839-1905)
William J. Hogg (1838-1900) and wife Mary M. (1840-1910)
William Osburn (1834-1908) and wife Elizabeth (1844-1918)
W. T. Wright (1844-1906) and wife Mary (1849-1888)
H. C. Parker (1846-1909) and wife Mary E. (1853-1934)
S. T. Beaver (1847-1899) and wife Mary L. (1860-1905)
John J. Hodges (1845-1891) and wife Delilah (1846-1896)
Sam W. Richardson (1847- ?) and wife Julia A. (1855-1929)
James Allen Sherrod (1853-1927) and Bettie Jane Sherrod (1845-1924)
Jesse T. Goddard (1847-1916) and wife Mary C. (1854-1927)
J. S. Cowan (1847-1926) and wife Penelope J. (1844-1928)
J. G. Atkisson (1848-1932)
J. W. Rice (1845-1915) and wife Mary M. (1843-1917)
William M. Bonham (1851-1932) and wife Sarah J. (1858-1933)
Lucy J., wife of H. R Royston (1855-1896)
Robert L. Neal (1854-1929)
Mrs. Barney Clark (1857-1887)
James F. Harris (1852-1913) and wife Mylinda E. (1856-1915)
George W. Harman (1855-1942) and wife Mary Alice (1857-1938)
G. M., wife of J. J. Thomas (1853-1892)
A. Burnett (1850-1910)
Benjamin F. Clark (1853-1929) and wife Mary E. (1857- ?)
R. W. Henderson (1858-1905)
Lewis A. Luttrell (1859-1908) and wife Amanda (1860-1928)

Among other old families represented in the White Oak cemetery are: Andrews, Draper, Elliott, Huls, Honeycutt, Lively, Hovey, Kilgo, Fraker, Kelley, Lookinbee, Lockhart, McCoy, Mayes, Martin, Mitchell, Langston, Mayo, Neale, Richardson, Rightsell, Roper, Stewart, Tyler, Thompson, Wright, Shumate, Whinrey.

AN OLD DEED
by W. J. Lemke

An unusual old deed has been placed in the keeping of the Washington County Historical Society by Mrs. Olive King of Longview Acres. The document was found in an old trunk in the old Sue Walker house at 347 North Willow avenue, Fayetteville.

The deed is too long to reproduce in full. It is written in excellent penmanship on both sides of six sheets of legal size paper. The sheets are bound at the top with a ribbon. The deed is dated April 21, 1856 and was recorded by P.R.Smith, clerk, on October 4, 1859.

The transaction was between Martin W. Thornbury and Walter T. Thornbury, both of Washington County. Martin Thornbury was a store-keeper in old Cincinnati. One of the Thornbury brothers, and a son, were Methodist preachers and the name survives in the Thornbury cemetery on the site of the old Thornbury camp ground, on Little Osage in the northwest part of the county. The name is sometimes spelled Thornberry and Thornsbury. However, the signatures of Martin W. Thornbury and Talitha Thornbury, his wife, as they appear on this deed, show the correct spelling to be Thornbury.

Our Society's genealogical files contain very little information about this important old family. If anyone would like to do research on the Thornburys, we will give them what help we can.

By this deed, Martin Thornbury transferred all his property, real and personal, to Walter T.Thornbury, for the benefit of his creditors. The reasons for the transfer are given in the opening paragraphs of the deed, which read as follows:

"That whereas owing to the unfavorable state of navigation of the Arkansas River for the last two seasons, the party of the first part has been unable to put in market a large amount of goods purchased in the eastern cities with borrowed money and upon a credit whereby he has been unable to pay these and other debts which have accumulated until a part of his creditors have become importunate and have commenced suit to coerce payment which owing to the scarcity of money at present will as he believes result in a sacrifice of his property to pay a part of his debts leaving many of them wholly unpaid some of which owing to the peculiar circumstances under which they were contracted should have preference in payment.

Now therefore for the purpose of protecting the rights of those who from equitable circumstances should have precedence in payment and for the purpose further of applying the whole of his property of every name and nature to the payment of all the debts he owes upon fair and just principles. The party of the first part for the purpose and intent herein expressed and for the consideration of one dollar lawful money to him in hand paid by the party of the second part the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge has granted bargained and sold and doth hereby grant bargain and sell and deliver unto the party of the second part the following described property and estate."

The real estate transferred by this deed was as follows:

The southwest quarter of section 29 except four acres.
The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 25.
The north half of the southeast quarter of section 28.
The south half of the southwest quarter of section 27 and part of the north half of said quarter section.
All of the above in Township 16 north, Range 33 west.
Also, the southeast half of Lot number 2 in Block number 5 in the town of Jacksonville. Also, one other lot in said town fronting 30 ft. on Main street on the southwest side, running back to the line between Thomas Jackson's land and the entry made by Jeremiah Odle, being 30 ft wide, and running parallel with a lot 100 ft., be the same more or less. The said 100 ft lot being south of lot number 3 in block number 5 in said town now called Cincinnati, situate on the east half of the south west quarter of section 29, township 16 North, of Range 33 West, the above described lot being the same one on which the store house of the party of the first part is situate.
Also, another lot in said Town lying immediately west and north of the lot above last described, bought by the party of the first part of William H. Rhea, fronting 25 ft on Main street.
Also, one other lot of land in said Town lying adjoining the lot number 3 in block number 5, fronting 100 ft on Main street, it being the same lot conveyed by Thomas Jackson and wife by deed of 4th of January 1854.
Also, the east half of Block number 35 in Fayetteville in said county and also
The following tract of land to-wit: the north half of the northeast quarter of section 31,
The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29, all in Township 18 North of Range 31 West.
Also the following tract of land, beginning at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29, township 16 north of range 33 west, to a corner on a ridge west of the Bounds Branch and a little west of the top of the ridge between a white hickory and a red oak at a flint rock near a stump between said trees, so as to include the spring that runs north of the corner by at least one rod, thence north 12 poles and 14 links, thence south to a corner on the line bounding the east side of the above described 40 acres, thence south 12 poles and 14 links to the beginning, containing by estimation four acres.
The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 31 and the northwest quarter of section 34 in Township 16 North of Range 33 West, all of which tracts of land and lots are situate in the county of Washington and state of Arkansas.

The personal property transferred by this unusual deed was as follows:

"One negro man named Wesley about 30 years of age
One negro woman named Becky about 30 years of age
One negro girl named Jane about 8 years of age
One negro girl named Annie about 3 years of age
One negro boy named Henry about 10 months old
all slaves for life.

Three head of horses, two mules, one yoke of oxen, 20 head of cattle and about 50 head of stock hogs.

And a stock of goods, wares and merchandise.

And all household furniture and farming utensils and other chattels except such only as are required for daily and immediate use of the family of the party of the first part and are exempt from sale by statute."

The reason for the transfer of Martin Thornbury's property to his brother, as stated in the deed, was to liquidate his estate and repay his creditors. His debts amounted to $24,220. He owed $14,162 to 23 business firms, many of them in New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Van Buren and elsewhere. The deed lists the business creditors as follows:

L. Edgerton & Doane.	$3761
Martin & Smith	1130
Truit & Bros	406
Caless Cope & Co..	219
A. T. Lane & Co.	425
Goff & Peterson.	253
Wilson Stabord & Smith . . .	406
Paul Tulane & Co..	232
Burt & Brothers.	1649
Plume, Parmelee & Smith. . .	390
Hotchkiss, Burner &Bennett. .	489
Pennock, King & Co..	283
Curling & Robertson.	60
James Vaughan	30
Shoffer, Roberts & Johnson .	265
Chronian, Huxthrall &Sears. .	887
Young & Van Kleick.	246
Lee Murphy & Co.	160
Henry & Turner	1470
Ruggles, Morse & Co.	154
Baxter & Davis	834
Lipincott, Grambo & Co.. . .	59
Wright, Pike & Co.	55

It will thus be seen that Martin W. Thornbury, pioneer merchant of Cincinnati, Ark., owed $14,162 to 23 creditors from whom he had purchased merchandise for his store. In addition to these commercial obligations, Thornbury had borrowed or had on deposit in his store, the total of $10,058 belonging to 29 Washington County creditors. The list of Washington County citizens who loaned Martin Thornbury money or who deposited funds with him reads as follows:

Shadrack Cantrell	$ 8
John Guttery (Guthary). . . .	8
John Cantrell	40
Joel Harrell.	1030
Nathan West	300
William Guttery	75
James Weems	800
T. R. West.	445
Eliza Carter.	181
Daniel Goplin	800

(more)

P. R. West.	400
W. P. Uphan	200
F. M. Woodruff.	100
Lewis Collins	25
Peter Mankins Sr.	100
Elizabeth Gage.	100
John Phagan	150
William Crawford.	150
Mrs. Eliza Derrick.	625
William S. Walker	2000
Wm. P. Barclay.	1000
D. B. Mason	100
William Gibson.	125
W. C. Trent	125
Joseph R. Parks	75
Moses Alberty	300
Elijah Carter	40
Johnson Thomason.	700
Richard Robers.	56

These 29 creditors were friends and neighbors of Martin Thornbury who either invested in his mercantile firm at Cincinnati or who loaned him money or who deposited money in his store safe. The total owed to these 29 personal friends was $10,058. Thus, Martin Thornbury's total obligations when he conveyed his real and personal property to Walter Thornbury in 1856 were $24,220. This was a considerable indebtedness a century ago.

This old deed of 1856 reveals some of the difficulties of merchandising in northwest Arkansas when all goods had to be shipped by steam boat up the Arkansas River and hauled over the mountains by wagon to Cincinnati. When the river was at low stage, the merchandise remained at the Mississippi River port of Napoleon and gathered storage charges.

Cincinnati was an important pioneer trading post, along with Evansville, Cane Hill and Maysville. Much of the trade along the border was with the Cherokee Indians, who were large spenders of the money they received from the Federal government. This was probably the lure that drew Thornbury into the trading business. There were many other merchants along the Indian Territory border, who must have offered stiff competition to Thornbury. Some were old established traders, like Evans and McClure at Evansville, half a dozen firms at Cane Hill, and especially W.H.Rhea who had stores at Rhea's Mill and Cincinnati.

Our old deed does not reveal how many of Martin Thornburys creditors were paid off, from the sale of his lands, slaves and other personal property. Somewhere, in the court records of Washington County, this information is available.

This old deed makes an important contribution to Washington County history -- the fact that the original name of Cincinnati was Jacksonville and was built on Thomas Jackson's land. I have not seen this fact recorded anywhere else. Also the fact that Jeremiah Odle was an original settler of the area. It is always surprising that early names of pioneers are forgotten, yet names of outlaws like Proctor and Christie survive. We have opened a file on Thomas Jackson and will welcome any information about this first-comer to the Cincinnati area.

JOHN CALVIN STOCKBURGER
AND MARTHA ANN (REED) STOCKBURGER

and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren
at their pioneer home on the mountain northeast of West Fork.

Photo by courtesy of Capt. Douglas C. Jones
of Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Captain Jones is a great-grandson
of J. Calvin Stockburger. Identification (on following pages)
is by Lyda Winn Pace of Winslow, Ark. She is a granddaughter.

A FAMILY REUNION in the GOOD OLD DAYS

by Lyda Winn Pace

The picture was made in 1905, when John Calvin and Martha Ann Reed Stockburger had a reunion of their ten children and their families. (See FLASHBACK of February 1959 for their pioneer days.)

Their daughter Nancy, living in Texas, was visiting for the first time in more than 20 years. The gathering was at the old home place on the mountain northeast of West Fork. This table, shown on the picture, was set for the younger grandchildren. Just around the corner from where Grandma is sitting, was a larger table in the spacious hall, set for the older grandchildren and the grown-ups.

Sitting on Grandpa's lap is Robert Winn, now a retired State Unemployment Counsellor of Los Angeles, Calif.

The little girl at Grandpa's knee is Bethel Stockburger, great-granddaughter, now Bethel Jones in the Washington County Treasurer's office in Fayetteville. Her sister Hazel stands next, now Mrs. Bernard Gilbreath of Tulsa, Okla.

The little children in Grandma's lap and at her knee are the farm tenants' children. Her encircling arms are typical of one of her outstanding characteristics, that of sharing her love with all alike.

Omer Winn of Winslow, Ark., stands at the head of the table. Coming down the row on the left:

Edgar Karnes, retired Washington County farmer who now lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Martha Winn, now Mrs. Martha Carey of Siloam Springs. She is the widow of Rev. Thos. Carey, Presbyterian minister.

Iva Stockburger, retired school teacher of Washington County and Little Rock, now living in Fayetteville.

Irma Karnes, now Mrs. Irma Cobeldick of Little Rock, widow of Frank Cobeldick, banker of western Oklahoma.

Ona Stockburger, now Mrs. Ernest Lindsey of West Fork, Ark.

Prella Stockburger, deceased, victim of the 1918 flu epidemic.

Gladys Curtis, a great-granddaughter, now Mrs. Stirman Karnes of Cane Hill, Ark.

Jewel Curtis, great-granddaughter, now Mrs. Lercy Gallehar of California.

At the upper side of the table -- Howard Karnes of Beaver, Okla., state representative of Beaver County.

Oscar Curtis, great-grandson, deceased. He was a Fayetteville postal employee at the time of his death.

George Stockburger, dedeased, for many years postal clerk at the West Fork post office.

Bryan Curtis, great-grandson, Fayetteville, Ark.

Olin Karnes, Little Rock. State employee in road building.
Bob Stockburger, West Fork. Stockman and poultry man.

Lyda Winn, now Mrs.Lyda Pace of Winslow, Ark. Widow of Rev.C.B. Pace, Methodist minister.

Troy Stockburger of Fayetteville, Ark.

Verna Stockburger, now Mrs. Wm. Emerson of Fayetteville.

The only other great-grandchild at that time was Cecil Stockburger of Huntsville. Her maternal grandparents started with her to the celebration but the river was so high that they had to turn back. She is now Mrs. Cecil Seitz in the Soil Conservation office, Fort Smith.

There were 14 older grandchildren present, not shown in the picture, and 15 others who were not present for the occasion.

Note the old dinner horn hanging on the wall. It was used to call workmen from the fields at noon. The boys also used it to call their hounds when hunting.

One photograph could not hold all the remembrances of the grandchildren but many memories are printed indelibly in their minds. There is Grandma's cookie jar, a stone churn with a red-and-white checked napkin spread over the top and a plate to hold it down.

There is the big gray horse called "Brigham" and the big black dog named "Cuff" that grew old with their master. A gray cat that sat by Grandma's chair waiting for a morsel of food from her hand.

Every grandchild knew that the top bureau drawer held a seemingly inexhaustible supply of red striped candy. Nobody whined or begged for it but each knew that sooner or later they would receive a share of it. There was the four-poster bed with a "trunnel" bed underneath. And the weight clock that hung on the wall.

There were the big cedar trees in the yard that always smelled like Christmas. And the grape-vine swing on the hillside.

The "Windless Water System" was as fascinating as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A huge spool of rope, turned by a crank, would let an empty oaken bucket go down the steep hillside while it brought another up, filled with clear sparkling water from a spring near the foot of the hill.

(To accompany the picture and account of the Stockburger reunion of 1905)

GRANDPA

Between the fireplace and table was where he kept his chair;
When we went to visit him, we always found him there.

His hair was snowy white; his face was wrinkled, too;
But there was a merry twinkle in his eyes so blue.

His walking cane was always near -- its handle was a crook.
Laughingly he would catch us and draw us by the hook.

Then he'd set us on his knee and sing a merry tune --
Something about a 'simmon tree, a 'possum and a coon.

We knew that he loved us -- he never kissed us, though --
But one caress from those dear hands would drive away our woe.

He has gone to Glory now, living with saints on High,
But he left with us a memory that will never never die.

-- Lyda Winn Pace

HISTORY NEWS BRIEFS

On Oct. 1 our Society sent out the first issue of a Civil War Centennial Newsletter. Purpose of this monthly letter is to report and encourage any Centennial observances planned for 1962, especially the 100th anniversary of the battles of Pea Ridge, Cane Hill and Prairie Grove. This Newsletter will be sent on request to any interested persons, whether members of the Society or not. Copies of the first number have been sent to newspapers, radio stations, historical societies, state and county officials, and others.

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Alvin Seamster, Route 1, Garfield, Ark. -- his home place adjoins the Elkhorn battlefield -- is collecting names of all soldiers who fought in the battle of Pea Ridge. He has already recorded 2,000 names. Fred McCuistion, Prairie Grove, Ark., is recording the names of all soldiers who fought in the battle of Prairie Grove. Write to these men if your ancestors fought in these Arkansas battles. Give name and army unit if you know it.

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The state historical association has announced that its 1962 convention will be held in Fayetteville during the first week of May. The program will pay special attention to D.H. Hill, Confederate general who was the third president of the University. There was no mention of the centennial of the battles in northwest Arkansas. We do not know if the state officers have contacted the Fayetteville and Rogers Chambers of Commerce and the Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove Memorial Associations. But if the Arkansas Historical Association wants a large attendance at its 1962 meeting, it had better plan tours of the centennial battlefields.

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SWEET TALK
about the August issue of Flashback

Another magnificent job! You have rendered a valuable service to your state and your community. As a native of Fayetteville, I thank you. -- Ed Vandeventer, Fayetteville.

I read the magazine down to the last word,and enthusiastically offer my congratulations for a magnificent job. -- R.J.Wiseman, New Orleans.

The August FLASHBACK is a masterpiece of historical reporting. When I receive this magazine it is as though it was from home to me. -- James Manford Carselowey, Adair, Okla.

A superb job of assembling the material and arranging it in such a fine readable shape. It should be an example and encouragement to other historical societies. -- F.P.Rose, Rogers, Ark.

I read every word. It was a noble undertaking. It is a book of historical facts that will live down through the years. -- Walter Lackey, Low Gap, Ark.

What a FLASHBACK! It did me out of my Saturday afternoon nap. It's terrific. Now the question is: are these people one-time writers, or can they do it again? It's an impressive issue and the pictures are really something. -- Margaret Smith Ross, Little Rock.

This interesting booklet shall certainly find a permanent spot on my book-shelves. I wonder if you would be kind enough to forward a copy to my brother, General C.P.Cabell, USAF, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. -- Earle Cabell, Mayor, City of Dallas.

Simply great! I read it from cover to cover, from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m. I especially enjoyed the article about Dr.Blackburn. I have, as a little boy, stayed in his home and fished with the Doctor and his son Gilly. -- Wythe Walker, New York City.

You may well take pride in the current issue of FLASHBACK. I was interested in the article about Dr. Blackburn, whom I remember well. He was a fine-looking man and very forceful character. One day he came by our house with his boy Tommie, stopped and asked my father if I might go fishing with them down on Barren Fork. It was a treat to me to ride in his two-horse buggy. In a few hours we caught enough fish for both families. -- G.W.Humphreys, Nocona, Texas.

The FLASHBACK is a corker. All the pieces are fine and will appeal to different individuals on a personal basis. My wife was greatly interested in the Tovey article, as she was one of his pupils. For myself the Futrall home piece is the favorite. Am glad to see from the photo that it looks now exactly as I remember it. -- Fletcher Isbell, The Evening Star, Washington, D.C.

It was a pleasure to receive your Centennial Newsletter. It contains a great deal of useful information that we are glad to have. We shall greatly appreciate it if you can see your way clear to send us copies of future issues. Every wish for your continued success. -- Edmund C. Gass, Acting Executive Director, Civil War Centennial Commission, 700 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 25, D.C.

SOME ITEMS from MRS.WALKER'S COLLECTION of HISTORICAL MEMENTOES

Mrs.Fannie Walker of our Society hasa number of historical souvenirs of more than ordinary interest. Among these are several Albert Pike items, as follows:

A New Year's greeting card, bearing colored pine tree boughs and an inscription, "Wishing you all the Pleasures of the Season", on the front and on the back in Pike's handwriting: "To Miss Lula Anderson, Albert Pike, 1st Jany 1890."

Letter addressed to Miss Lula Anderson, care of J.H.VanHoose, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Postmarked Washington, Jan. 2.

Washington
2d January, 1890

Dear Miss Lula:

Old men are so commonly forgotten or uncared for by all but the few associates who were young with them and have grown old with them that one learns to submit to it with equanimity -- and I have been so many years away from Arkansas, and have grown so old, that I can have but little claim to be remembered by the old or thought kindly of by the young, to whom I am only the shadow of a name.

So it is all the more pleasant to me to be kindly remembered by you, and to be permitted to believe that you would be glad to see me again.

But the pleasure is alloyed with regret that I cannot solace myself with the hope that I shall ever see your face or hear your voice again. I hardly know which of the two -- the pleasure or the regret -- overweighs the other. But the regret makes me none the less grateful to you for your kindness; and in return I send you all good wishes. May the skies of your life as girl and woman be clear and bright, and sickness and sorrow deal gently and tenderly with you,and our Father in Heaven give you all good things, the love of friends, and peace of mind and comfort and content until the late evening of your day of life!

Your friend
Albert Pike

The friendship of Albert Pike and James H. VanHoose, who was Mayor of Fayetteville in 1888-90, probably grew out of their mutual interest in Masonry. VanHoose's 32° degree certificate, signed by Pike as Grand Commander, is in Mrs.Walker's collection. It reads thus:

The Supreme Council of the 33° degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States
Charleston in the State of South Carolina
16th day of December 1889

Be It Known

that Bro. JAMES HAYDEN VANHOOSE whose name is written in the margin hereof, is a Master of the Royal Secret of the 32°

degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, etc. residing at Fayetteville in the State of Arkansas.

Albert Pike
Gr.Commander

Frederick Webber
Sec.Gen.

Issued by Albert Pike 33° Gr.Commander at Washington in the District of Columbia, the day and year above written.

Seal. (Signed in left margin: James Hayden VanHoose) Also in far outer margin of the certificate are signatures of H.H.Washburn 32°, Peoria, Ill. and A.H.Stuart 32°, Brooklyn, N.Y.

There is also in Mrs.Walker's collection a "mourning" card issued when Albert Pike died. Black-bordered, it reads:"IN MEMORIAM. In loving remembrance of Albert Pike 33°, Gr.Commander Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction United States, A.&A. Scottish Rite, who put off Mortality for Immortality on the 2d April, etc."

James Hayden VanHoose, besides being Fayetteville's mayor and most prominent Mason, was correspondent for Little Rock and eastern newspapers. He was also our town's first important historian, since he investigated, recorded, and published accounts of events in Washington County dating back to 1828

J. H. VanHoose had a strange quirk in his make-up -- he fancied himself a poet. He wrote "poems" and had these printed, either on single sheets or 4-page folders which he distributed to his friends. His best known "poem" was called "Blue-eyed Nellie's Grave", of which a number of copies are still in existence.

Mrs. Walker's collection contains one of VanHoose's productions that we had not seen before, "In Memory of Mollie." Because it is typical of the amateur verse of the early 90s, and because of the "poet's" comments in the 4-page folder, we are reprinting it in full. But don't ask how or why one of Fayetteville's leading citizens -- he was merchant-banker-newspaperman-politician-Mason-insurance agent-community promoter -- would write

IN MEMORY OF MOLLIE

A tribute to "Mollie", a faithful old cow that departed this life March 24th, 1892, aged 23 years, one month and 24 days, and was buried in the blue grass lot beneath a spreading tree in which the cat-bird annually built its nest and within whose shade she had taken her rest during 16 summers, disturbed only by the flies and an occasional bumble bee which came buzzing among the clover blooms.

I had owned her all her life and her mother before her, which I purchased in the summer of 1861 for $20 Confederate money, the first and best investment I ever made with that kind of currency.

She was named "Mollie" in 1869, for two little girls of that name, both good friends of mine, one of whom (a dignified lady) yet lives in this city, the other in Shreveport, Louisiana.

To my faithful old Irish friend, John McGrory, now an inmate of the Soldiers Home in Leavenworth, Kansas, who for the past 14 years, until recently, had made his home with me, during which time he had kindly cared for his old dumb friend, the following is dedicated by the AUTHOR.

Note: Only a limited number of copies will be printed for the use of personal friends, who have requested copies thereof. Copyright applied for. J. H. VAN HOOSE, Fayetteville, Ark.

Faithful old Mollie cow,
You have gone from us now;
No more will the tinkle of your bell, bell, bell
Disturb our neighbor Brown,
Who swore he'd leave the town
And go to Texas or to hell
To get rid of the jingling and tinkling of your bell.

You were mine when you were born,
Now I only have your horn
As reminder of your service rendered me,
While your worn-out body lies
Undisturbed by bees or flies
In your humble, quiet grave beneath the tree.

Yes, the sod above you lies
And the bumble-bees and flies
Which the grass and the clover did infest
Can you neither sting nor bite
Nor even on you light
To disturb your quiet, peaceful rest.

No more will Uncle Jack
Pick the ticks from off your back
Or make for you soft beds of leaves;
But when he hears you're dead
He will bow his aged head
Like one who for his mother grieves.

And thoughts like these will come:
"I am glad now when at home
I never did neglect my duty
To give her hay and corn,
And keep the stable warm
That sheltered her and little Beauty."

But for you we need not mourn,
Since death to all must come,
Is coming fast and coming faster;
But let us patiently await
The one sure common fate
Of all, both servant, lord or master.

Above your humble grave,
Let the grass and clover wave
When shaken by the summer breeze;

Let the cat-bird sweetly sing
As she sits with folded wing,
That builds her nest above you in the trees.

And in pastures ever green,
In that land by us unseen,
Of which none here can tell,
May you ever take your ease
And do just as you please
And henceforth with freedom wear your bell.

Of her grandmother now bereft,
Poor Beauty alone is left;
She too has surrendered up her bell.
Although she looks so meek,
If she could only speak
She'd tell her persecutor "Go to Hell!"

If in that world below
Where all the wicked go,
There be a cow that wears a bell,
And he that way should go,
He'll say no wonder endless woe
Is said to be our portion here in Hell.

Then a Christian he should live
And the poor old cow forgive
For lowing and jingling of her bell;
For past sins make amends,
And the wrong he's done her friends,
For money can't save a man from Hell.

The first edition of 300 copies having been nearly all ordered before out of press, a second and larger edition will be issued in order to supply the increasing demand from all over Arkansas, portions of Missouri and the Indian country.

J. H. VAN HOOSE

Fayetteville, Ark. March 25, 1892

(In J.H.VH's handwriting: "Compliments of the Author to Miss Lulu Anderson, Apr.16, 1892.")

For the benefit of those of our readers who are not familiar with this colorful figure from Fayetteville's past, we add the following biographical sketch, reprinted from Goodspeed's 1889 history:

JAMES HAYDEN VANHOOSE

James Hayden VanHoose, mayor of Fayetteville, was born near Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky, Jan. 8, 1830, the son of John and Lydia (Lewis) VanHoose, grandson of John VanHoose, and Great-grandson of John VanHoose who was a native of Holland. The VanHoose ancestors were large of stature, long lived, were of the Baptist faith, and were honest God-fearing people. Valentine VanHoose, brother of John VanHoose, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and rendered honorable service under General Marion.

John VanHoose, father of subject, was a native of Montgomery County, N.C., and his mother, Mrs. Lydia (Lewis) VanHoose, was also a native of North Carolina. Her father, Zachariah Lewis, was a native of Orange County, N.C. and died when a young man. His widow then married Peter Mankins, who, when a lad, saw the American army on its march to attack Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and died Dec. 31, 1881, at the great age of 111 years, 3 months, and 10 or 11 days, and had been a Deacon in his church for over 70 years.

James Hayden VanHoose came to Arkansas from Kentucky May 1839, and grew to manhood in what is now called White River Township.He followed agricultural pursuits until his 21st year,when he went to Ozark Institute and worked for Robert W. Mecklin, founder of that Institute, for $13 a month, to pay for his education, which had been sadly neglected. March 8, 1853, he came to Fayetteville and began clerking for James Sutton, with whom he remained until Sutton quit business and sold out to McIlroy in November 1855.

August 9, 1855 he married Melinda Ann, only daughter of William McIlroy. After the bank failure of D.D.Stark & Co. in 1875, Mr.VanHoose, with Mr.McIlroy, took charge of the business, which he continued until 1877, after which he resumed merchandizing, and continued this business alone until 1882 when he abandoned it, and has since engaged in the insurance line, severing his connection with the bank of William McIlroy, of which he had been cashier for two years previous to 1876.

In September 1864 Mrs. VanHoose died, and Mr.VanHoose afterward married Miss Martha W. Skelton, daughter of William Skelton. Mr. VanHoose has reared two orphan girls: Mary Eaton, whom he educated at the University, and who is now the wife of Samuel Jarman of Barton, Ark., and Minnie Brooks, who is now at home.

In 1880 Mr.VanHoose was elected Mayor and served until 1881. In 1888 he was elected to the same position. He has always entertained liberal views, and has acted as correspondent for several papers outside of his home town, and never failed to say something good for Fayetteville and for Washington County, and contributed largely toward inducing immigration into his state and county. In politics he is a Democrat; in religion a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

He has written many sketches of early history, and graphically portrayed some of the scenes of pioneer life in Arkansas. He was a friend of education, and, although having no children of his own, he willingly paid his school tax that the rising generation might be educated. As there were no schools in the early days when he was a boy growing up in the backwoods of Arkansas, he knew how to appreciate the need of them.

He is the oldest notary public in the county, having been appointed by Gov. Conway in 1857, and has held the position ever since. He was made a Mason in 1853 and has since passed all the chairs in the several grand bodies in Arkansas.

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The August FLASHBACK arrived here Oct. 2, 1961. A wonderful issue, like a visit home. -- Deane G. Carter, Erzurum, Turkey. ICA Nebr Grp., APO 254, New York, N.Y.

Two other interesting items in Mrs. Fannie Walker's historical collection are the following:

A MASONIC CURIO

This is a small cloth-bound book, entitled "Ladies Masonry". It measures 4 x 6 inches and contains 48 pages. According to the foreword, "it contains all the emblems explained in the degrees of the Holy Virgin and Heroine of Jericho." The book was written by M. W. William Leigh, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Alabama. It was published 1851 in Louisville, Ky. "Printed for the Author." The signature in the front of the book is "Mary Jane Watton (Wotton, Patton?) her book."

OATH AND PAROLE

Following is the Oath and Parole of WM. C. Day, Confederate soldier, at the close of the war. He was Mrs. Fannie Walker's grandfather.

UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

I, Wm. C. Day, county of Smith, State of Tennessee, et.
(Oath of Allegiance)
26th day of June, 1865
The above named has fair complexion, light brown hair and light blue eyes and is 6 ft. ½ inches high

Signed:
A.G.Brady, Maj. and Provost Marshal

(Day signed by mark, with W. Hatch as witness)

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OF PRISONER OF WAR

Headquarters, Point Lookout, Md.
Provost Marshal's Office, June 26th, 1865

I hereby certify that Wm. C. Day, Prisoner of War, having this day taken the Oath of Allegiance to the United States is in conformity with instructions from the War Department, hereby released and discharged.

Signed:
A.G.Brady, Maj. and Provost Marshal

(Two rubber-stamp endorsements:)
"A. G. Brady June 26" and
"Registered at Provost Marshall's Office, Washington, D.C., June 27".

A RECENT VISITOR to our WCHS office was W.T.Leeper of Shreveport,La. He is a native of Texas but lived in Mena and Lockesburg, Ark. from 1908 to 1920. He is a veteran of World Wars I and II and is a Lt.Col. USAF (retired). He is vice-president of the Bayou State Oil Corp. of Shreveport. But more importantly, he is a grandson of JOHN WESLEY LEEPER, Private, Co.G, 2nd Ark Mtd Rifles CSA, 1862-65. Colonel Leeper's grandfather was stationed in northwest Arkansas during the early part of the war.

1961 MEMBERSHIP LIST
Washington County Historical Society

As is our custom, we publish our membership list in the year's last issue. In 1961 -- our 11th year -- we hit an all-time high, with 492 dues-paying members. If we subtract the 17 institutional memberships (libraries), we still have 475 individuals who are willing to pay $3 to help preserve Our County's historical heritage. Here is our 1961 membership list:

Adams, Paul
Adams, Ray
Adams, Mr. & Mrs.Roy
Albright, Grace
Alexander, Miss Ella
Alexander, Mr.&Mrs.L.E.
Allard, Mrs. Bessie
Allen, Mrs. Alma
Allen, Mrs.C.T.
Allen, Mrs. Geo. Jr.
Ardemagni, Richard
Arkansas Book House
Arkansas P & L Co.
Ash, Mr.&Mrs. R.F.
Atwood, Miss Eva

Baggett, Dr.&Mrs. Jeff
Bagley, Mrs. Mertye M.
Ball, Leerie
Barr, Mr. & Mrs.Harold
Basore, Mr.& Mrs.Geo. M.
Bates, Mrs. J.S.
Baxter, Mr.& Mrs.L.L.
Bayles, Marion
Bell, Mrs. Margaret
Bergenstal, Mrs.Rowena
Black, A.J.
Blair, James B.
Blake, Mr.& Mrs.A.W.
Blevins, Roy
Bloyed, Cyrus G.
Bond, G. W.
Boone, Joe S.
Brannan, Mrs. Helen
Brewer, Mr.& Mrs.L.W.Jr.
Brinson, Mrs. Elizabeth
Brogdon, J. D.
Brower, Mrs. Mary Cole
Brown, Mr. & Mrs. A. S.
Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Turner
Browne, Mr. & Mrs. L.L.
Broyles, Engles
Broyles, Mr.& Mrs.Jack
Broyles, Mr.& Mrs.Russell
Brumfield, Mrs.Kay
Bryan, Mr. & Mrs.Leland
Bryan, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle

Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. H.E.
Buchanan, R. M.
Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
Burgess, Paul
Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L.
Byers, Mrs. Charles

Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L.
Campbell, W. E.
Carl, Col. and Mrs. F. C.
Carlisle, Clay
Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack
Carlisle, Mrs. Nora
Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. T.C.
Carnahan, J. H.
Carselowey, James M.
Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Deane G.
Carter, L. D.
Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Von
Castle, D. W.
Caudle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.F.
Cherry, Mrs. F. J.
Christian, Major and Mrs.
Cia, Mrs. Elaine Weir
Clark, Miss Beryl
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. R.
Clark, Herbert
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. M. E.
Clark, Mrs. Nora
Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.
Clayton, Fred
Clinehens Bros.
Cobb, Mrs. A. W.
Collier, Cleon
Collier, Morris G.
Colwell, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip
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THE BAREFOOT FAMILY

Daniel Barefoot, born 1811 in Kentucky, died 1895 in Montague Co., Texas. In 1840 he left his home in Ripley Co., Mo. and came to Fayetteville, Washington Co., Ark., where he married 1848 Malinda Stone, who died in Montague Co., Tex. in 1881. They were parents of George Washington Barefoot, born Feb. 10, 1849, in Fayetteville, Ark. The Barefoot family left Fayetteville in 1859, moving to Grayson Co.,Tex. In 1865 young George Barefoot was working forTexas rancher J.D.Latimer and making many cattle drives through the Indian Territory, the first in 1867 over the old Shawnee Indian Trail. 1878 to 1887 George Barefoot was in partnership with Barefoot & Bryant, who shipped over ten thousand head of cattle a year. George W. Barefoot was married in 1868 to Sallie Boone in Grayson Co., Tex. They were the parents of three children: Susanna Barefoot Woodson, Judge Bert B. Barefoot, and Clifford Barefoot. -- J.M.Carselowey.

HISTORY NEWS BRIEFS

The September meeting of the Washington County Historical Society was held Sunday, Sept. 24, in the Baptist Ford church, one mile south of Greenland. President Tom Feathers read the records of this old church, organized in 1832. Descendants of some of the early families contributed information. Among the descendants present was Reding Putman IV, great-grandson of Reding Putman I. The records show that Reding Putman I was influential in establishing the BaptistFord church. His dust lies in the Baptist Ford cemetery. He is said to have given the land for this pioneer burial ground. Our September meeting at Baptist Ford will prove much worth-while if the descendants of the early settlers will furnish what information they have, about our county's first Baptist church and its early burying ground.

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The October meeting of the Society was held Oct. 17 at the Mountain Inn with 50 members and guests in attendance. Roy A.Scott, vice-president in charge of finance, read a report showing a paid-up membership of 492, an all-time record for the Society. He reported $61 in contributions for the Society's new Civil War Centennial Newsletter. Feature of the program was an auction sale of relics, antiques, old books, President Feathers was auctioneer. Miss Bernice Karnes served as clerk. Fifty dollars was realized from the sale. A good time was had by all.

---wchs---

The White River Valley Historical Society has recently been organized. It covers Stone, Douglas, Ozark, and Taney counties in Missouri, and includes Carroll County, Arkansas. President of the new society is Elmo Ingenthron of Forsyth, Mo.; secretary is Edith McCall ofHollister, Mo. The new society received valuable assistance from Prof. Allan S. Humphreys, School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo., long-time member and former director of the Washington County Historical Society. Mr. Ingenthron, president of the new society, ordered some of our publications. We will watch with interest the progress of the WhiteRiver Valley Historical Society. Maybe regional historical societies are the answer to the financial troubles that plague small county societies.

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Our pleasure in receiving and reading the October 1961 issue of the Newton County Historical Society's HOMESTEAD (Volume 6, Number2), was disturbed by reading an editorial announcement on page 2 that said that this "will be the last and final edition of the HOMESTEAD." The work has proven too much for Walter F.Lackey of Low Gap, president and editor, and Mrs. Manda Hickman of Marble Falls, secretary. If the Newton County Historical Society folds, the county judge and the mayor of Jasper and the school superintendent, among others, can be held chiefly responsible. But then we remember our own situation - -our county judge and our mayor and our school superintendent have given us no support. Neither have the 14 history professors on the University faculty. We have written the Newton County HOMESTEAD to keep going, even if it is unable to finance as elaborate an issue as the October number. The October HOMESTEAD contains the muster roll of the 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry USA (1864), an article on "Cut Nails", the postal history of early MarbleCity (Willcockson), Newton County censusrecords of 1860, reprints from the Marble City Highlander of 1889, several family histories,and the story of the Beller Mill, first water-powered mill in Newton County. This 52-page issue contains five picture pages.

LETTERS FROM READERS

I received your Civil War Centennial Newsletter which was enjoyed very much. It is interesting and informative. I certainly hope I will be able to make one or all of the tours planned for next year. My grandfather, Colonel Daniel N. McIntosh, who raised the first Creek Indian regiment and who was the Colonel at the battle of Pea Ridge, was a student in the school at Cane Hill, Ark., as a boy prior to the war, and since his oldest son, Chessie, my father, was also a student at Cane Hill in the early 1870s, this all would cause me to have great love and affection for western Arkansas. Enclosed find check for $10 to be applied to the publication of the Centennial Newsletter.

Your comments on the omissions in the presentation of the Centennial Medallion were most timely and correct. Mr.Dick Rice, my close friend for 18 years, a true Southern gentleman in deed and action, surely should have been recognized for the part he played in bringing the Pea Ridge battlefield to the public's attention. I was a pallbearer at his services in Miami, Okla. and was one of the many who accompanied his remains to the Winton farm and attended his funeral and burial at Bentonville.

W. E. McIntosh,
111 E.Independence, Tulsa, Okla.

---wchs---

I want to tell you how much I appreciated your assistance when I was in the WCHS office last month. When I left your office I went to Combs Chapel and there located the graves of my great-grandfather, Samuel Mayes, born 1808, died 1879, and his wife Loucinda (Miller) Mayes,born 1819, died 1888. Samuel Mayes settled near what is now Greenland in 1830 and was a tanner. He had seven sons, no daughters. They were Robert, Joseph, Frank, Samuel, Harve (?), William E. (my grandfather), and one other. In Combs Chapel there is the grave of Joseph who died in 1904 and his wife who I believe to be Sarah (Collins) Mayes, died in 1864. This grave is covered with a sandstone slab and the reading is difficult due to erosion.

On my maternal side, the Slauters came to Springdale about 1878 with my great-grandfather Wm. Bennet Haxton and son, to open the Springdale Woolen Mill. I am endeavoring to get together some history on Mayes, Slauter and related families.

Another thing that I intended to ask when I was there. Where was Northwest Normal? In my mother's memory book there are many names that indicate they were students at Northwest Normal about 1887 and 1890. Some of these signatures: Mertie Petross, O.G.Crawford, White M.Kennan, Ed Hale Jr., Jones Wilson.

On my return home I started with the first FLASHBACK and read them through from first to last. It was like seeing "Gone with the Wind" the second time. The accumulation of interest and information over the period of years made each article more interesting, for the characters were becoming better known tothe reader. I recommend it to all members.

C. Vale Mayes,
PO Box 968, Edinburg, Texas

I want to express our appreciation of the services of Mr. Roy Scott who helped Mr. Lemon and me get started on a wonderful experience, learning about Mr.Lemon's grandfather, Wm. Vance Lemon (1830-1921). We knew he had a farm near Cincinnati and that he was buried there. Through Mr.Scott's help we loc ted the farm on a map of Illinois Township in 1908 and the location of two cemeteries. Our first stop in the cemetery just south of Cincinnati (Union) was very rewarding. Though it looked like quite a task to look at each stone, we were saved by raising our eyes to the one we were looking for. The missing date of his grandmother's birth was on the stone. Later when inquiring at the Thompson grocery about some names given us by Mr.Scott, a Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, who happened to be there, remembered him very well, giving us more information and other names. They directed us to his farm and we will visit Cincinnati again. We enjoyed the last FLASHBACK and understand only too well how much work you have done.

Mrs. Walter Vance Lemon,
Eureka Springs, Ark.

---wchs---

I wrote you some time back about my Walker line and you said that Alexander Walker was not of the David Walker line. Do you have any information on this Alexander Walker? All I know is that his daughter, my grandmother, Sallie Ann Harrison Walker, who married James Gilmore Stafford, that she was born inKentucky 1844 and later came to Arkansas with her parents. I do know there is a David Walker back in our line somewhere. I have been told that all my life and now I would like to find out where along the line I tie into his line.

Mrs. Warren F. Wilhite,
8719 Wilhite Lane, Sylvan Hills,
North Little Rock, Ark.

---wchs---

I am trying to get information about my great-grandfather Lovell Brown. I have had the 1850 and 1880 census from Washington County read. His family is not listed in 1850. The 1880 census shows them living near Cincinnati, Ark. My father remembers visiting his grandfather there around 1900. His age was given as 40, his birthplace and the birthplace of his parents was given as Missouri. I have been told that he was with the Confederate army during the Civil War and was taken prisoner. Being a blacksmith, he was put to work at his trade. In later years he was a circuit-riding preacher. Sofar I have been unable to find records to substantiate any of this. I have a great desire to learn more about my family, but very little knowledge on how to go about it. Have you any suggestions?

Mrs. Wm. T. Taylor,
217 Benton Ave., Missoula, Montana

---wchs---

Thanks so much for your Society's publications: "The Billingsleys and the Garvins" and the appendix to the Walker family letters. Do you wish to have these publications listed in the April 1962 issue of the "Genealogical Publications Exchange"? Being a native of Arkansas, born in Little Rock and spending about one-third of my life in Arkansas, I feel a homesickness for the State and have put your Society on my list.

Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman, Sr.,
216 Croydon Ave., Rockville, Md.

---wchs---

I am trying to get data on Henry Mitchell, my 2-greats grandfather. I need proof that he was the son of Jacob Mitchell and Elizabeth (Duke) Mitchell of North Carolina. Henry married Amelia Jean Cook. They moved to Tennessee, to Illinois, to Missouri and to Arkansas near Fort Smith some time around 1850. Their children were: Elmiry Duke, Odom Cook, John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Jane, Mary, Charity, William Green, Henry Becton. Henry and Amelia Jean are probably buried near Fort Smith, Ark. I should like to locate some of the descendants of Henry's children.

Also, my gr-grandfather Terrell Richardson and 2nd wife Lucena Smith were from Franklin County, Ark. I would like to find some of Terrell Richardson and his first wife's children. There were several, some named Joe, Bill, Nellie. In 1858 the Terrell Richardson family moved to Texas. Can you give me any information?

Mrs. Lillian Norton,
645 Leila Ave., Redding, Calif.

---wchs---

I have read of your FLASHBACK recently in the Springfield paper and would like to know if it concerns history of the part of Arkansas where Jasper is located, as I am thinking of sending it as a gift.

Mrs. John Hyatt, Sparta, Mo.

---wchs---

In reading over letters I have received in my family research, I find that you told me you might help me on my James Reed Wilson if I could give you the township in which he lived, occupation and church affiliation. I find in the 1850 census that he was 34 years old, born in Kentucky, and he lived in Mountain township, Washington County, Ark. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His twin sister Malinda was the wife of Young E. Ritter and lived in Richland township of Washington County. A Martha Ritter is shown to be in the household of James Reed Wilson, aged 65, and born in North Carolina. I suspect she was his mother, and had married a second time. Someone told me that his township was in the vicinity of Elkins. My uncle who visited the Ritters said they went east from Fayetteville and that was about all he remembers of the trip, as he was just along with my great-uncle and knew nothing of the people he went to see. Thank you for your many kindnesses.

Mrs.Lucile Garner, Jacksboro, Texas

---wchs---

I am writing for information on the Stagner families. Would like to know about Jasper Newton Stagner who was born in Washington County, Ark. He was my father-in-law. I wrote to your County Clerk and he gave me your name and address.

Mrs. Viola H. Stagner,
314 W.Prairie Lea St.,Lockhart,Tex.

---wchs---

In attempting to trace my ancestry of McFarland-White and Alberty-McCaleb, I need data on David and Cynthia (Burgess) McCaleb who died in Washington County, Arkansas before 1888. I am told that they are buried in the old Antioch cemetery. Many of my family lived in Washington County 1830-1890 and I am interested in membership in your Society. I will be happy to share information with anyone who requests it.

Mrs. Bland Turner, Librarian
Shackelford Co.Library, Albany, Texas

MANY THANKS

Our Society wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a check for $25 from Mrs. Frances Cherry of Washington, D.C., in memory of her aunt, the late Miss Rowena Gallaway. Miss Gallaway was a charter member of the Washington County Historical Society and an enthusiastic worker in all our activities. Mrs. Cherry, of course, is the wife of the former Governor of Arkansas.

Unexpected and welcome aid came to the Society on October 26, with the receipt of the following letter:

"Enclosed is a check in the amount of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) which the Twentieth Century Club presents to the Washington County Historical Society. This donation is to be used at the discretion of the Society. Respectfully, Margueritte Barber, Secretary, Twentieth Century Club, Fayetteville, Ark."

Another $25 check came from Mr. Sam Mitchell of St.Louis, whose help always comes when it is most needed. Besides his cash donation, he has sent us three memberships in the Society.

Appreciation such as this makes it a lot easier for our officers and volunteer workers. Vice-president Roy A. Scott has already recorded 33 paid-in-advance memberships for 1962. We hope to publish six issues of FLASHBACK in 1962, because of the centennial of Civil War action in our area. Also, we plan a number of historical tours during 1962, with special attention to Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove.

The annual dinner meeting of the Society will be held in January, at which time the 1961 officers will give their reports, and officers for 1962 will be named. A committee is now arranging the program for this annual event.

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